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SEVEN SELMA RESIDENTS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL HOUSING FRAUD CASES

In sentencing hearings completed today, seven former Section 8 tenants of the Selma Housing Authority have received sentences of probation and have been ordered to pay full restitution for federal housing fraud.

Tanya Anderson, Judice Ann Caver, Darnetta Doyle, Jackie Eaton, Sophia Hill, Delandra Norris, and Sabrina McNeill, and were separately indicted in November 2007 and charged with theft of government funds for claiming federal housing subsidies for which they did not qualify. Most defendants lived rent-free for approximately two and a half years before they were terminated. In the most significant case, Darnetta Doyle received \$13,304 in rent subsidies over a three and a half year period before termination. Having pleaded guilty, each defendant received terms of probation ranging up to five years, and they have been ordered, collectively, to pay full restitution of \$60,468.

“It is our hope that the funds which these convicted felons pay back will ultimately go to those who fairly and honestly qualify for federally subsidized housing,” said U.S. Attorney Deborah Rhodes. “I applaud the Selma Housing Authority and the HUD Office of Inspector General for their work in these cases.”

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